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SUBJECT: HISTADRUT-GOVERNMENT DIALOGUE

1. THE HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON JULY 10 APPROVED THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN FINANCE MINISTER EHRLICH AND HISTADRUT SECRETARY-GENERAL MESHEL ON JULY 7. THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES,INTER ALIA, A DECISION TO HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AT TEN-DAY INTERVALS BETWEEN THE FINANCE MINISTER AND HISTADRUT SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND PROVIDES THAT THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY ECONOMIC STEPS WILL BE PRECEDED BY PRIOR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO. MESHEL AND EHRLICH HAVE ALSO REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ON A VARIETY OF POINTS, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENDING AND BROADENING THE VAT. MESHEL SAID THAT DESPITE THE "GOOD AT-MOSPHERE" IN WHICH HIS MEETING WITH EHRLICH TOOK PLACE, THERE WERE A FEW POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM. E.G., PAYMENT OF CHILD ALLOWANCES, PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX ON PREMIUMS, ETC.

2. COMMENT: THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN EHRLICH AND MESHEL INDICATES THEIR INTENTION TO PREVENT AN EARLY
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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT AND THE HISTADRUT. MANY LABORITES WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE A FIGHTING HISTADRUT CHALLENGING ANY "ANTI-WORKERS" MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT MAY INITIATE. OTHERS REGARD THE HISTADRUT AS A POLITICAL BODY WHICH IN TIME WILL HELP LABOR RETURN TO POWER. IT IS THEREFORE NOT SURPRISING THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A REGULAR DIALOGUE

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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HISTADRUT HAS NOT WON COMPLETE APPROVAL. ECONOMIC CIRCLES ADD THAT A RIFT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HISTADRUT WOULD BE ALMOST INEVITABLE SHOULD THE FINANCE MINISTER PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT EVEN A FEW OF THE "BELT TIGHTENING" MEASURES MENTIONED IN THE LIKUD PLATFORM.
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